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News From Within and Without the County.

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What Our Neighbors Are Saying and Some Items of Fact, Some of Comment and All Helping to Give an Idea of Doing.

Fort Mill Times, October 19: Tuesday in Rock Hill, Hugh G. Brown, county supervisor, awarded to C. L. Williams of Rock Hill the contract for repainting the county bridge over the Catawba river between Fort Mill and Rock Hill, at a cost of \$1,300. The bridge is to be thoroughly cleaned and two coats of paint are to be given it, the contract calling for completion of the work not later than December 1. There were several bidders for the job, but the bid of Williams was considered the most advantageous for the county. He is to furnish the paint and the labor necessary to do the work according to specifications. At the last session of the general assembly \$2,000 was set aside for use of the supervisor's office in having county bridges repainted and already a number of the smaller bridges have been painted from this fund. The outfit of the Fort Mill township highway commission will be considerably improved if the request that has just been made to the state highway commission for certain road-working machinery and tools is granted. Monday A. C. Sutin, a member of the commission, went to Rock Hill and there conferred with Tom L. Johnson, member of the state body, relative to the matter and was assured by Mr. Johnson that he would do what he could to have the request given favorable consideration. C. T. Crook has returned to his home in the Fort Mill community after spending several months with relatives at Springfield, Orangeburg county. According to word received in Fort Mill a few days ago, S. S. McNinch, former owner of the Charlotte brick works, located at Grattan, two miles south of Fort Mill, has recently been paid \$20,400 by the American Trust company of Charlotte, in settlement of the verdict which several months ago was rendered by a Mecklenburg county jury in his favor following the hearing of the suit he brought against the trust company, alleging that it had disposed of the brick plant and certain farm lands adjacent thereto in violation of an agreement he had with the company. The case was hard fought in the superior court and several weeks were consumed in hearing it. An appeal was taken to the North Carolina supreme court, but the verdict of the lower court was upheld. Numerous Fort Mill people were called to Charlotte to testify in the case, some for and others against Mr. McNinch. The trust company had a mortgage on the brick works and farm land which it foreclosed several years ago. McNinch alleging that the foreclosure violated the terms of an understanding he had with the company and that as a result of its action he suffered heavy damages. Following the foreclosure proceedings the brick plant was dismantled and the machinery sold. A considerable part of the land was bought by Dr. J. L. Spratt of Fort Mill, who recold it to Hamilton Carhart. According to stories which have come to Fort Mill from time to time, McNinch now intends to enter suit for the recovery of the land. Part of the outfit of the contractor who will rebuild the Steel Creek road between Fort Mill and the North Carolina line, arrived several days ago and it is understood that he will begin work on the road at once.

Lancaster News, October 19: Mr. J. F. Nisbet of Lancaster, and Mr. Plyler of Van Wyck, returned last night from Sharon, York county, where they attended the fall meeting of Bethel presbytery as representatives of their respective churches. They report a good meeting of the Presbyterian body. Mrs. Nancy Taylor, aged and respected woman of the Tabernacle section, died Sunday afternoon at the home of her son, J. M. Taylor, in that community. Mrs. Taylor was about 78 years old. She was a good Christian woman, a consistent member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were held at Tabernacle church Monday afternoon by Rev. J. A. Bledsoe, the pastor, and burial was in the cemetery there. Mrs. Taylor is survived by four sons and two daughters as follows: Messrs. J. M., P. G., G. F. and Thomas Taylor and Mesdames Sim Starnes and John Snipes. Mrs. William F. Caldwell and little daughter, who have been spending some time here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wylie, have returned to their home in Atlanta, where Mr. Caldwell is connected with the Associated Press. Mrs. Sallie Gregory, wife of W. R. Gregory, died at her home two miles south of Kershaw last Wednesday. She was 60 years old and was a good woman, being a member of a Baptist church. She is survived by her husband and four children, Messrs. Raymond and Clyde Gregory, Mrs. Ernest Truesdale and Miss Ethel Gregory.

Chester Reporter, October 19: At a meeting Tuesday night the trustees of the Chester school decided to recommend to the voters and patrons of the district the erection of a modern, thoroughly equipped high school building to cost approximately \$150,000. The present building, which serves to house not only the high school, but several of the primary grades, hardly meets present requirements, and if the high school continues to grow as it has

during the past two or three years the accommodations will be utterly inadequate. It is the conviction of the trustees that the community ought to provide for several years to come, and erect a building which will meet all needs and compare favorably with those recently erected or in process of erection in other towns and cities of the state. Tuesday was the final time limit for making application for the Chester postmastership. Those securing blanks from the local civil service examiner are Mr. T. M. Douglas, the incumbent; Mr. S. L. Myers and Mr. O. A. Darby. The last-named is not a patron of the local office, however, and, therefore, ineligible. Mr. Myers is only 22, whereas applicants are required to be at least 25, but this requirement is sometimes waived. There continues to be considerable talk about staging a game here between the Furman university and University of South Carolina teams. With Crawford playing center for Carolina, and Harrell captain and backfield star of the Furman outfit, there's no doubt that this battle would draw well locally. Mr. Moore Hardin and Miss Sallie Gladden spent Sunday with friends and relatives at McConellsville. Mr. C. W. Brice has been awarded the contract for the light fixtures for the new Sunday school building of the First Baptist church and Lowrance Bros. the contract for the furniture. It will probably be around December 15th before the building can be occupied.

Gaffney Ledger, October 19: Charlie Edwards, a negro boy who lives near Limestone college, received a painful wound Wednesday when a bullet discharged from a 22 calibre rifle which he was handling, lodged in the forefinger of his left hand. According to the boy the bursting of the rifle barrel was responsible for the accident. Chief of Police R. B. Bryant and a local physician rushed to the scene, but found nothing to require their attention. Sheriff Watkins proved Thursday that he is a sprinter, when he outran Guy Humphries in his break for liberty. The prisoner was brought before Magistrate Bell on a charge of disposing of stolen property, the amount of his bond being named, he said that he could arrange the matter in the afternoon. P. Z. Holmes of South Grenad street, had the misfortune to break both bones in his right arm Thursday evening while attempting to crank his automobile. Mr. Holmes and his little son had just returned from a trip and had stopped near his usual parking places when he decided that he would move up a little farther. He, accordingly, got out and started to crank up, when the engine back fired, the handle striking his arm in such a manner as to snap the bones. J. R. Huggins, contractor and builder, started excavating Thursday for the erection of a one-story frame building 20x120 feet, to be brick veneered at a later date, on the corner across the alley way from the Colonial Ice Cream company's plant, fronting East Frederick street, which is to be completed within thirty days for occupancy by the Gaffney Knitting Mill, of which C. M. Smith is president, and W. E. Peeler is secretary. It was stated that the mill when started would run at a capacity of 200 dozen per day on different grades of hosiery. This should prove an ideal location for the mill, placing it easily within the business district of the city. In a heart-breaking battle yesterday afternoon the local boys met defeat for the first time at the hands of the Spartanburg high school to the tune of 3 to 0. Both teams were powerless before the defense put up by the other side.

Gastonia Gazette, October 20: Beginning Monday evening, October 23, the Democratic candidates in Gaston county will start on a speaking tour of the county. Every candidate for a Gaston county office will tour the county according to the schedule as published. Chairman Ernest R. Warren will preside at the meetings. Avery Walls, a well known and respected colored man of Gastonia, died Tuesday afternoon, October 17th, at the age of 23, following a long and severe illness. Funeral services were held over the remains Thursday.

Cleveland Star, (Shelby), October 20: Mr. John F. Cline died yesterday morning at 2:27 o'clock of pneumonia, following an illness of four or five weeks as a result of an injury which he received about the body and head when his team of mules ran off a bridge near Tom Dedmon's. Since that time Mr. Cline's condition has remained quite serious and a few days ago his lungs became congested, which brought about his death. Mr. Cline was nearing his 76th birthday. Mr. Will C. Lattimore has purchased a pretty building site from E. A. Wellmon at the auction sale last week and will erect a nice bungalow just out of town in the direction of the Hendrick place. Work will commence at an early date and he and his bride will occupy the same. Shelby welcomes them as permanent residents. The county commissioners went yesterday morning to the Allen Bettis place to meet with the commissioners of Cherokee county and let the contract for one of the largest steel bridges in the county spanning Buffalo creek on the county line. Bids were to be opened at 11 o'clock and many contractors were present to submit bids. Cleveland is to pay two-thirds and Cherokee one-third of the cost of the bridge. Coyet Sparks was found dead in the woods near his home in No. 8 township at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, the result of a gun shot wound inflicted by his own gun. It is thought his death was accidental, but there was no way to determine how it happened, for Sparks was alone at the time in the

WINS SEAT IN STATE LEGISLATURE.



Miss Bessie Kempton, first woman elected to the Legislature in Georgia.

woods where he had gone to hunt squirrels. Coroner T. C. Eskridge was called last Tuesday night and went to the scene where he summoned a jury composed of J. J. Powell, Lum Bridges, Nelly Bridges, W. J. Bridges, George Jones and Connelly Eskridge, who after making a thorough investigation reported that Sparks came to his death by a gun shot wound in his own hands, leaving the matter of suicide or accident undetermined.

DEATH FOR BIRDS.

Myriads of Migrating Winged Creatures Slay by Dive at Lenses. Myriads of migratory birds, now deserting summer homes and turning south in a race against winter, are sure victims within the next month of lighthouse towers and beacons along the Pacific coast. These lights, scattered from Alaska to Mexico, each attract thousands of winged creatures to dash themselves against the walls, the grating protecting the glass or to flutter in the glare until they fall exhausted into the sea.

Wild geese and ducks shun the luminous beacons and are seldom victims of the tall towers, but gulls, loons, terns and pelicans have the curious habit of investigating the lighthouse flashes. The smaller birds flying at night in large flocks suffer the greatest losses. Kingbirds, pewees, larks and blackbirds are picked up by the bushes during the autumn flight. Sparrows, robins, warblers, thrushes and bluebirds linger in the rays of the acetylene lights until exhausted or dashed by the winds, they fall into the waves.

Many methods of safe-guarding the travellers have been recommended. The crew at the light on Tatoosh Island, near the entrance of Puget Sound, has provided perches above and below the lens. The birds alight on these, and generally, after a few minutes' rest and investigation, hurry along southward.

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